

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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High Cliff State Trail Corridor Feasibility Study  
Old Highway Rd and Pigeon Rd Study Areas

### **1. What is the scope of this project?**

The Village of Harrison, Village of Sherwood, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) are studying the feasibility of constructing a multi-use bike/pedestrian trail along Old Highway Road and Pigeon Road as part of an effort to expand trail access and ultimately provide an off-road connection to the High Cliff State Park.

### **2. What is the difference between a Feasibility Study in comparison to design of a project?**

A feasibility study evaluates potential routes based on a number of factors (see question 3) to determine if a concept works to move forward with detailed design by identifying pros and cons of different routes and the extent of challenges with each. A feasibility study also identifies funding options, potential project timelines, etc. If a project is determined feasible and the public support and funding is in place, then detailed design and engineering would occur next.

### **3. What are the criteria for evaluating the feasibility of the trails?**

Trail and roadway user safety, trail utility and connectivity, project cost, environmental impacts, utility impacts, adjacent property impacts, drainage patterns, and existing and planned surrounding land use will all be factors evaluated in determining the feasibility of the segments of study.

### **4. What are the study areas?**

- Old Highway Road (1.8 miles):
  - Area of Study begins on the west at the Lake Park Rd/Fire Lane 8 intersection.
  - Area of Study ends on the east at the State Highway 114 intersection.
- Pigeon Road (0.64 miles):
  - Area of Study begins on the south at the Blue Heron Court intersection.
  - Area of Study ends on the north at the State Highway 114 intersection.
- Manitowoc Road (1.64 miles - **to be displayed at future Public Involvement Meeting**)
  - Area of Study begins on the west at the Plank Road intersection.
  - Area of Study ends on the east at the Lake Park Road intersection.

### **5. Why were these study areas chosen?**

These study areas were chosen as a result of the High Cliff Connection Plan recently completed by East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission (ECWRPC). The study focused on identifying routes for further study. The published plan can be found here: <https://www.ecwrpc.org/2023/03/02/high-cliff-connection-plan/>.

### **6. Are there any related on-going projects?**

The City of Menasha is leading a concurrent feasibility study for other possible High Cliff State Trail Connection Corridors. These areas are along US 10/STH 114 from Oneida Street to Lake Park Road and along STH 114 from CTH N to Pigeon Road. The two study teams are working in tandem with each other. There will be an additional Public Involvement Meeting to discuss these corridors along with the Manitowoc Road study corridor in May 2024.

### **7. What is the timeline for the project?**

The feasibility study is currently in the data gathering phase. Preliminary route exploration will begin in April based on data gathered and feedback from the Public Involvement Meeting (PIM). An additional PIM will be held for the Manitowoc Road portion of this study and the City of Menasha feasibility study in May 2024. The final feasibility report for this section will be submitted in July of 2024.

**8. What is the next step after the feasibility study is completed?**

If trail sections are feasible, then the next step would be more detailed evaluation for funding and potential inclusion within municipal plans for future design and construction. It should be noted that funding, design, and construction of regional trail projects stretches over many years and is segmented into manageable sections.

**9. What regional connectivity do these potential trails offer?**

The Old Highway Road segment would provide an off-road connection from N-S trail along the west side of Lake Park Road to the Friendship Trail which currently transitions from an off-road path to an on-street route at the STH 114/Old Highway Road Intersection.

The Pigeon Road segment would continue the current trail located on the west side of Pigeon Road ending at Blue Heron Court north to the intersection with STH 114.

The City of Menasha feasibility study segments on STH 114 and US 10 would further the connection possibilities of the Old Highway Road and Pigeon Road study areas.

**10. Are these displays going to be available online?**

Yes, these displays will be posted to the High Cliff Connection website:

[www.harrison-wi.org/Community/Parks-Recreation](http://www.harrison-wi.org/Community/Parks-Recreation)

**11. If I have specific questions on the project that are unanswered at the meeting or in the FAQs, who do I contact?**

You can contact Chad Pelishek at the Village of Harrison, Brenda Stumpf at the Village of Sherwood, or Josh Mercier at KL Engineering.

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